

em·boss

em·boss (ēm-bôs, -bôs) *verb, transitive*
em·bossed, em·boss·ing, em·boss·es

1. To mold or carve in relief: *emboss a design on a coin.*
2. To decorate with or as if with a raised design: *emboss leather.*
3. To adorn; decorate.
4. To cover with many protuberances; stud: "The whole buoy was embossed with barnacles" (Herman Melville).

[Middle English *embosen*, from Old French *embocer*: *en-*, in. See *en-*¹ + *boce*, knob.]

— **em·boss·er** *noun*

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